

ATTACHMENT - CLAIMS LISTING

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An espresso coffee machine comprising:
_____ a reservoir for the water-(20),
_____ a pump-(21) for delivering the-said water to a boiler-(24),
_____ a hot water supply unit-(2, 102, 122; 4, 304), and
_____ filter holder means (1, 301; 3, 103) for housing a portion of ground coffee-(16),
~~preferably pre-packaged, and provided with coffee~~ having a coffee delivery means-(201; 203),
_____ characterized in that the-said hot water supply unit-(2, 102, 122; 4, 304) and the
said filter holder means-(1, 301; 3, 103) are being coupled together with a seal and the
having a trajectory of the coupling movement lies on lying in a plane substantially
perpendicular to the a median plane of coupling of the-said hot water supply unit-(2,
102, 122; 4, 304) and the-said filter holder means-(1, 301; 3, 103), the facing surfaces of
the-said hot water supply unit-(2, 102, 122; 4, 304) and the-said filter holder means-(1,
301; 3, 103) coming into contact only at the a time of their coupling,
wherein the filter holder means comprises a hatch hinged at one end to a body of
the machine and an end opposite the hinge having releasable coupling means designed
to be coupled to suitable coupling means positioned on a wall of the body of the
machine.

2. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 1,-characterized in that wherein the median plane of coupling of the-said supply unit-(2, 102, 122) and the said filter holder means-(1, 301; 3, 103) is perpendicular to thea base plane of the machine body.

3. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 1,-characterized in that wherein the median plane of coupling of the-said supply unit-(2, 102, 122) and the said filter holder means-(1, 301; 3, 103) is inclined at an angle ranging from 10° to 30° with respect to thea longitudinal axis of the-said machine.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim-4 1,-characterized in that further comprising switch means-(25, 26) interacting with the-said releasable coupling means-(101, 121, 131) of the-said hatch-(1; 3) are provided in the proximity of the coupling means-(302, 312; 204) positioned on the wall of the body of the-said machine.

6. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim-5 1,in which wherein the-said hatch-(3) is hinged releasably to the body of the-said machine.

7. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim-6 1,in which wherein the-said filter holder means-comprise comprises a filter holder-(103; 301),

comprising a substantially cylindrical cavity-(123;311) provided with a radial hole-(321;433) communicating with the coffee delivery means-(201;203).

8. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 7, in which wherein
the-said filter holder is provided with means-(361, 721; 113) for assisting with the
extraction of the-said ground coffee cartridge-(16).

9. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 8, in which wherein
the-said filter holder-(304) is provided with means-(401) for cleaning the coffee delivery
means-(201).

10. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 9_7, in which
wherein the-said filter holder-(103) is permanently connected-and preferably made-in
one-piece-with to the-said hatch (3).

11. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 9_7, in which
wherein the-said filter holder-(301) is inserted movably into the-said hatch-(1), on two
tubular guides-(701), each provided with an inclined surface-(721), interacting with two
apertures-(361) formed in the base of the cavity-(311) of the-said filter holder-(301), the
said filter holder being moved along the-said guides-(701) by means-(422) associated
with the wall of the body of the-said machine.

12. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 11, in which
wherein a rod-(401) is parallel to the-said guides-(701) is inserted into the-said hatch-(1)
and passes with a seal into the-said filter holder-(301) through a hole-(331) which is
radial with respect to the cavity-(311) of the filter holder, and emerges through the hole
(324) for communication with the supply means-(201).